

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for stacking two discs into a stacked disc array comprising:
 - obtaining each disc comprising an index mark adaptively indicating a rotational position of the respective disc;
 - orienting each disc in relation to the respective index mark in a disc stacking machine;
 - writing servo information to each of the discs;
 - removing the discs from the disc stacking machine; and
 - reorienting each disc in relation to the respective index mark to define a preselected offset in the servo information between the discs while stacking the discs to form the stacked disc array.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the reorienting step is characterized by a zero offset.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~step of~~ orienting step comprises rotating the discs until at least one index mark is detected.
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the reorienting step is characterized by a nonzero offset.
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by more than two discs.
6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by an index pattern comprising a first mark and a second mark.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by first and second marks that are radially disposed.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by first and second marks that are tangentially disposed.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by the index pattern comprising a third mark.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by ~~a disc comprising an~~ the index mark of at least one of the discs being made by laser etching.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by the first mark and the second mark comprising different sizes.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 9 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by the first mark and at least one of the second mark ~~or~~ and the third mark comprising different sizes.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the removing step is characterized by operably eliminating the disposition of the discs relative to each other defined in the orienting step.

14.-19. (cancelled)